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SUBJECT: WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC, BELGIAN SUBSIDIARY AND
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REF: STATE 87668 AND KINSHASA 3358

1. CHARGE MAY 14 IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS STATE 87668 CALLED ON BISENGIMANA AND REQUESTED MEETING WITH MOBUTU FOR WESTINGHOUSE/ACEC DELEGATION. CHARGE SAID APRIL 16 CONVERSATION IN WHICH BISENGIMANA ASSERTED MOBUTU HAD DECIDED TO ASWARD SECOND PHASE OF INGA II TO SIEMENS AND ALSTHOM HAD BEEN REPORTED, HOWEVER, WESTINGHOUSE/ACEC WERE OF OPINION THAT IT WOULD BE MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO ZAIRE AND CONSORTTIUM FOR A DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE CONTRUCTORS OF THE FIRSPHASE TO TALK DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU. CHARGE RECALLED CONTRACT FOR FIRST STAGE CONTAINED OPTION WHEREBY GOZ (I.E. SNEL) COULD PURCHASE REMAINING FOUR GENERATORS ON SAME TERMS AS FIRST FOUR AND HE STRESSED OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES OF HAVING ONE CONSORTIUM CONSTRUCT ENTIRE SECOND PHASE. CHARGE URGED THAT DELEGATION AT LEAST BE PERMITTED TO MEET WITH MOBUTU WITHOUT PUBLICITY.

2. BISENGIMANA REPLIED THAT MOBUTU HAD MADE FIRM DECISION IN FAVOR OF SIEMENS AND ALSTHOM, AND THAT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, MEETING WITH WESTINGHOUSE/ACEC IMPOSSIBLE.

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3. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND BISENGIMANA RECALLED THAT ORIGINAL DECISION HAD BEEN MADE AT TIME WHEN BELGIAN-ZAIRE RELATIONSWERE AT THEIR BEST. MOBUTU HAD CONSEQUENTLY NOT LOOKED DEEPLY INTO TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS. THESE ACTUALLY FAVORED SIEMENS, BISENGIMANA SAID, BUT MOBUTU MADE POLITICAL DECISION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO ACEC AS A FAVOR TO GOB WHICH WAS THEN COPING WITH UNEMPLOYMENT IN CHARLEROI. BISENGIMANA ASKED RHETORICALLY, "GIVEN PRESENT STATE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH BRUSSELS, COULD ANYONE IMAGINE OUR GIVING A LARGE CONTRACT TO THE BELGIANS?" SPEAKING HYPOTHETICALLY, CHARGE ASKED WHETHER MATTER WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF WESTINGHOUSE WERE TO PLAY A MUCH MORE PROMINENT ROLE IN SECOND STAGE. BISENGIMANA CALMLY BUT FIRMLY REPEATED THAT PRESIDENTIAL DECISION HAD BEEN MADE, HAD BEEN COMMUNICATED TO PARTIES CONCERNED, AND AS FAR AS GOZ CONCERNED MATTER CLOSED.

4. COMMENT: AS DEPT AWARE, BISENGIMANA IS CHIEF ADVISOR TO MOBUTU ON MAJOR INVESTMENT PROJECTS AND HE HAS SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR INGA AND TRANSMISSION LINE. BISENGIMANA IS WELL DISPOSED TOWARD US BUT OBVIOUSLY FEELS THAT SINCE MOBUTU HAS DECIDED IN FAVOR OF GERMAN AND FRENCH AND HAS SO INFORMED THEM, MATTER IS NOW CLOSED. NEWLIN

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